



Arlington Council on Aging

Minutes

Date: Thursday September 21, 2023 Time: 6:00 pm

Present: *Pat Baillieul (on zoom), Anne Brown, Sheila Connerney, Nancy Feeney, Mary Hung, Mara Klein Collins, Karen Nichols, Marjorie Vanderhill, Karen Nichols*

Select Board representative present: *Steve DeCoursey*

Location: *This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.*

Kristine Shah, Executive Director

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to order at 6:05pm, Mara offered to assist running the meeting since Michael was absent
 - a. Remembrance – brief discussion about Rick Fentin and his impact to the COA. Board members will contemplate ways we can remember Rick and memorialize his dedication.
2. Citizen's Open Forum

Jennifer Susse from Equitable Arlington talked about the MBTA Communities Act.

3. Minutes of the June 2023 meeting for approval

Anne Browne made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. Report: Executive Director- see notes below

- a. COA Parking Permit Pilot Program- Update
 - b. Request made for FY24 transfer from Sevyan Personal Needs Fund today for \$18,455. Anne Brown made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The motion to transfer the funds was approved.

5. Report: Chair – Michael was Absent

8. Town Day Booth: September 23, 10:30am-4:30pm

9. Report: Minuteman Senior Services- Marge Vanderhill provided update on MMSS

Recent meeting was dedicated to Adult Protective Services.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Other Community Announcements

13. Adjourn

Anne Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Feeney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

- Next meeting: October 19, 2023

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

I. A very busy summer

a. COA PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

- a. THANK YOU to all volunteers who assisted in the development and strategy to make this program a reality, especially Pat O'Connell and her team
- b. Select Board approved it unanimously on June 26
- c. Program Details
- d. COA created and finalized policies and procedures for program through summer months
- e. Program launched September 7
- f. COA has distributed over 600 stickers in the first two weeks

b. Program attendance up 20% through summer months

- a. Additional programs added on hottest days in air conditioned spaces.

c. Rainbow LLI joined us weekly for regional workshops/programming.

II. Budget Updates

- a. Request for FY24 transfer from Sevyan Personal Needs Fund
- b. New \$2,000 Grant from MMSS for medical transportation outside of town
- c. EOEA FY24 Formula Grant increase approved in State Budget at \$14/pp and 2020 census count for Arlington Age 60+ officially 11,035

III. Age & Dementia Friendly Initiatives, Board Member Engagement Opportunities:

- a. Arlington 60+ Connection on ACMI: Nancy Feeney will be joining next episode to discuss "How To Be Your Own Advocate"

b. Town Day September 23: Thank you to all who signed up for slots, still spots available, especially 12:20-2:30pm:

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